

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 2: insert

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 2, before line 1: insert

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

lines 8 to 16: amend as follows:

This object is attained in accordance with the present invention in an assembly of the aforesaid genus ~~by the characteristics recited in Claim 1.~~  
~~This embodiment~~ which has several advantages. Specifically, a vibration-compensating piston accommodated in a subsidiary housing can be simple in design and simple to install at the end of the piston rod upstream of the shock-absorbing piston, allowing the greatest possible radial support for the piston rod against the housing by way of the shock-absorbing piston.

Page2, lines 18-19: cancel these lines in their entirety.

Page 2, line 208: insert:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 3, before line 1: insert:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**